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Senate speculates on Fr. Cdn. Studies centre

by Albert Nerenberg

Recent speculation concerning the fate of the McGill Centre of French Canadian Studies has student representatives on Senate asking questions.

In a Senate meeting Wednesday, Students' Society Vice-President University Affairs Liz Ulin, asked Dean of Arts, Michael Maxwell, how the Centre stands in the University's priorities.

Last year the position of administrative assistant for the Centre was eliminated by the University. The job of Centre

Director has been reduced to a part-time position, and one of the full-time professors, Jean-Louis Roy, resigned last winter and so far has not been replaced.

Speaking of the University's position on the Centre, Maxwell said that it "has the same priorities as the other departments" within the Arts faculty.

Ulin asked Maxwell if the Centre holds equal priority within the faculty of Arts, and if so how are the extensive cutbacks justified.

"You're talking now of

justice, and in a sense all that we can do is distribute injustice equally", said Maxwell.

Maxwell explained that because the Centre holds equal priority within the Faculty of Arts, the severe budget cutbacks that are being inflicted throughout would therefore affect the French Canadian Studies Centre equally.

"The teaching budget (for the Centre) did not suffer cuts this year," he said.

"Several of the other departments did."

Concerning the Centre's loss

of staff, Maxwell said that with severe budget cuts it was the University's policy not to replace staff that resign.

"In some cases people have tenure, therefore you can only cut when a person is leaving," he said.

In response to allegations that the Centre had been cut more extensively than other comparable departments within the faculty, Maxwell said that because of the policy "you cannot cut everywhere equally because all departments are not equally open to cuts".

Ulin asked "what are the University's long range plans for the future development of the centre as a distinct unit

within the University community".

As to what is a "distinct unit" Maxwell said "that is open to interpretation".

"It is planned at the moment", he said "to keep it (the Centre), a distinct unit".

Of the University's long range plans for the Centre Maxwell said "who knows what the situation is going to be two or three years from now. There are no planned structural changes for next year."

When asked if the University had any plans "to replace the professorial position vacated by Jean Louis Roy" Maxwell said.

"The policy is not to replace staff that resign. There are no plans to replace him."



Filthy magazine covers from France and other examples of Man's depravity are on display in the library this week, as part of a Women's Union exhibit.

President rewrites history

BRANDON (CUP) — Brandon University president Howard Perkins has been systematically altering the minutes from BU Senate meetings for over two years, charged a senate member.

The BU Senate held an emergency meeting, February 2, to deal with allegations made by professor Evan Pepper in a nine-page document titled "Rewriting History". The paper compared the minutes taken by Senate Secretary Chris Kennedy at the last five meetings of 1981 with those mailed out later to senators.

Pepper said Kennedy sent his minutes to Perkins, who made additions and deletions, and then had the altered minutes typed for distribution.

Pepper claimed such changes were "a flagrant violation of the rules of procedure."

Perkins said the BU administration would respond by refusing to take Senate minutes. Pepper said this would be illegal

because it is a provincial requirement under a cabinet Order-In-Council.

"I don't care what the Order-In-Council says," Perkins shot back.

During the exchange, a television news camera operator switched on his light to begin filming, but Perkins ordered him to turn it off.

The Senate finally decided to table the matter until the emergency meeting. At that meeting, Chris Kennedy, who is the BU registrar, came close to tears as he announced his resignation, effective June 30.

"I feel my integrity has been questioned and it has offended me mightily," said Kennedy. "I can stand no more of this."

The next day, Kenney announced he would reconsider his resignation.

Students' Union (SU) president Charmaine Schenstead said it was Perkins' integrity she questioned, not Kennedy's. She said the SU has wanted to get

rid of Perkins for two years, and hopes to ally itself with faculty members to pressure the board of governors until he is fired.

Before the emergency meeting, she said the alleged minute-tampering "could be the last nail in his (Perkins') coffin as far as his career at BU goes."

The emergency meeting stopped short of censuring Perkins.

Pepper moved that the Senate study alleged alterations of past minutes, but his motion was labelled a waste of time and defeated. Pepper's second motion, that the Senate chairperson be denied access to the minutes before their approval at the next meeting, was defeated because of awkward wording.

A motion to tape Senate meetings was also defeated, and yet another motion that no one tamper with minutes, or else face censure, was also turned down. Some senators called the motion "too drastic".

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Alliance: grassroots key to success

by G. Pierre Goad

Over 400 people attended the second of province-wide meetings to organize local chapters of Alliance Québec at Westmount's Victoria Hall last Thursday night.

Eric Maldoff, President of the anglo-rights group kicked off the first meeting of the Montréal-Centre chapter with a call for commitment and solidarity.

"The concept of two language communities is historically legitimate," said Maldoff.

"The PQ government sees us as an ethnic group, but we see ourselves as a linguistic group."

Several local Liberal and Progressive Conservative organizers and fund raisers were in attendance. Hugh Hallward, Chairman-elect of McGill's own Board of Governors was among the notables seated on the stage.

Maldoff's Alliance Québec's emphasis is on individuals and Alex Paterson, head of Positive Action and a member of the Alliance board of directors, echoed this sentiment in his speech to the predominantly over-40 crowd.

"We're organizing at the grass-roots level and we (the anglophone community) have to try and get our act together," said Paterson.

Paterson described the difficulties faced by off-island anglos as "tremendous". He cited the elderly in the Townships and isolated communities in the Gaspé as examples of problem areas.

"We must be able to say to

our young people—you have a better future here than elsewhere," he said.

Alliance Québec will be holding similar meetings both on and off the Island of Montréal over the next few weeks in an effort to establish several regional chapters. Delegates selected by these and various member chapters will go to a policy convention tentatively scheduled for the end of May.

Delegates there will be discussing a policy document presently being prepared by a committee headed by Concordia University administrator Russell Breen. The document is expected to be circulated to the Alliance's membership chapters sometime in early April.

A question and answer period followed the two speeches and several members of the audience took advantage of this opportunity to harangue the Alliance for what they saw as its weak defense of language rights.

Maldoff explained that once the regional councils were in place and a definite policy had been established then a more militant stance would be possible. He was careful to stress that no policies had been set as of yet, as this will be decided at the Alliance convention in May.

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Staff meeting

Neat stuff is on the agenda for today's Daily staff convocation. Blast-off: 3:00 p.m.

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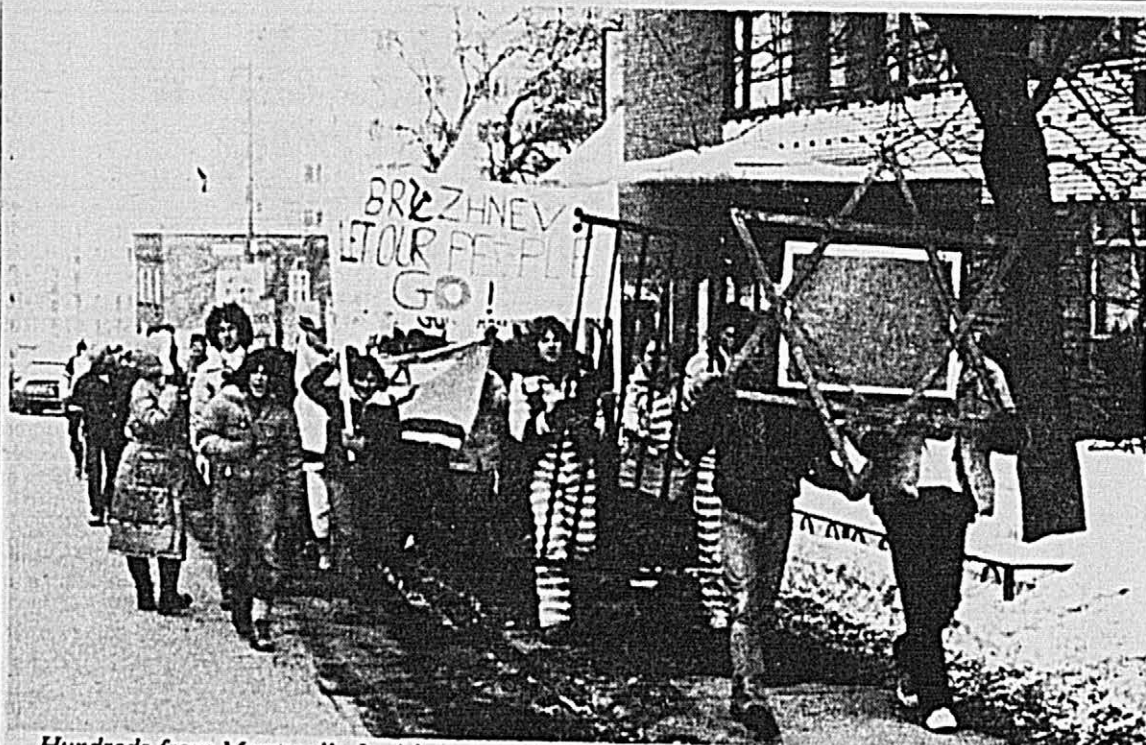


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Hundreds from Montreal's Jewish community turned out to demonstrate against the repression of Jews in the Soviet Union last Wednesday. There was no official response from Soviet authorities (see story this page).

Student survey finds more rich kids at Dalhousie

HALIFAX (CUP) — Nearly half the students attending Dalhousie University have parents who make double the income of average Atlantic families, a student union survey has found.

Responses to the survey questionnaires, distributed during the academic year, indicated that 48 per cent of Dalhousie students are from households with an income over \$30,000. In the Atlantic region, only 21 per cent of the population reaches this yearly income level.

Caroline Zayid, a student union councillor and one of the survey co-ordinators, said she was alarmed by the results. In a report prepared after the project, the co-ordinators said the increasing cost of education is

hampering students' ability to attend university. While tuition increases have generally been moderate the survey report claims students' financial resources have not kept pace with inflation. Zayid also said that social backgrounds also appear to determine who attends university. Responses to a question asking what level of education the students' parents had reached showed that 43 per cent had a parent with a university degree.

University participation rates in Nova Scotia are among the lowest in the country. The university-age population attending post-secondary institutions in the province dropped from 19.5 per cent to 17.1 per cent between 1976 and 1980, while

the national average sank to only 19.3 per cent. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick are further behind, with current participation rates of 12.3 per cent and 12.5 per cent each.

Dalhousie president Andrew McKay said although tuition at the university climbed this year, enrolment has also increased, questioning the belief that students cannot pay higher tuition.

But enrolment is not simply an indication of a students' ability to pay, said Mike McNeil, president of the St. Mary's University student union. He said more students enroll during periods of high unemployment when job shortages prompt students to stay in

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PLO's man at the UN speaks softly...

by Richard Flint

Two million Palestinians didn't leave their homes in 1948 because they wanted to take a vacation.

That according to Zehdi Terzi, Palestine Liberation Organization Permanent Observer to the United Nations, who spoke in McGill's Leacock building last Wednesday.

Terzi spoke on behalf of the PLO, "an organisation that represents the political wing of the Palestinian people, which is overwhelmingly accepted by the international community to represent the Palestinian people."

Terzi's message was delivered in a soft-spoken and disarming manner. Combined with his appearance, a round faced, grey haired man who was slightly balding, the event was striking in its restrained espousal of the Palestinian cause.

"What is the question of Palestine?" asked Terzi, "It is the fate of four million Palestinians; deprived of the right to life; of their own country; victims of violent oppression; forced from their homes."

"Two million of those refugees are not allowed to return to their homes. They didn't leave their homes because they wanted to take a vacation," said Terzi.

Terzi repeatedly emphasised that the key to any solution in Palestine was the return of these refugees to their homes, or full compensation to those who choose not to return.

The cause of the wars in the middle east, according to Terzi, is the "Zionist determination to eliminate the Palestinian people in order to achieve the Zionist

aim."

The Zionists, and Menachem Begin, have denied Palestinian: "their rights to self determination in their own country," stated Terzi.

"There's a lot of talk that the Palestinians gave up their lands, that they sold them. Records show that this is a lie," said Terzi.

When Palestinians would not sell their lands they were seized by "armed groups trained by the British."

Terzi described the partition of Palestine by the United Nations in 1948 as a "disaster which violated the very principles of the United Nations. The UN thought that 497,000 Palestinian arabs would become citizens of an Israeli state with 498,000 (non-arabs)."

"The result was that thousands of Palestinians were driven from their homes. They are determined that there will not be peace until they live in their own homes," said Terzi.

Terzi was quick to emphasise that the return of Palestinians to their homes did not require anyone's expulsion from Palestine.

"I may entertain ideas of sharing my home, but won't let peace be while my home is occupied by someone else," said Terzi.

"There is plenty of room in that country. We could all live there if we were treated as equals in a democratic country.

"I do not say that the Israelis should go and become refugees. There's enough room for everyone, enough room so I can go home and live in peace," Terzi said.

Terzi sees some good in the pursuit of a plan that would allow the Palestinians to create a state out of the territories that Israel occupied after the 1967 war.

Terzi believes that there was some progress on this possibility, which "might prove a constructive step", but that the proposals were "torpedoed by Israel and the U.S.A. with the Sadat Camp David accords."

"The Camp David accords are a clear attempt to annul the rights of Palestinians to their homes. We do not let anyone determine our future for us. This is our right," said Terzi.

"Israel should unconditionally withdraw from the 1967 territories, and let the Palestinians establish their own state. This is a constructive step. We are trying."

But whatever the PLO may be trying, the situation in the middle east remains tense. Terzi, referring to the frail truce between the Israeli army and the PLO in Lebanon at the moment, said "our diplomacy is not a substitute for the armed struggle. If we are fired at we will fire back."

Soviets asked to let their people go free

by Leonard Goldberg

Four hundred student demonstrators rallied in front of the Soviet Consulate on Rue Du Musée to protest against the escalating persecution of Soviet Jewry last Wednesday.

The Montreal area students from McGill, Concordia, the University of Montreal, Vanier College and a number of secondary institutions combined to form the largest of six Soviet Jewry-related demonstrations since last September.

Martin Penn, Director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry (CCSJ), addressed the demonstrators as they massed in front of the Consulate.

"We are here in front of the Consulate to tell the Soviet Union that they can no longer act with impunity and perpetrate acts of persecution against Jews," he said.

"It is a regime dedicated to

the eradication of the Jewish spirit day in and day out and we will make sure that the Jews in the Soviet Union will hear us."

Chants of "Brezhnev, let our people go," and "Helsinki violations, what happened to Jewish emigration," among others, elicited no response from the Consulate.

Penn continued to express the sentiments of the demonstrators.

"To be a free people in our homeland—that is our goal," he said.

"We will never forget until every Jew has the right to live in their homeland."

Organizer of the Montreal demonstration, the McGill Hillel Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, has become increasingly worried along with other organizations such as the CCSJ about the growing list of anti-Semitic human rights violations

in the Soviet Union over the past few years.

At the top of the list is the Soviet Union's violation of the right of every individual to emigrate from that country as stipulated in the Helsinki Accords.

The Soviet Union, one of the 35 signatories of the 1975 Accords, has refused 400,000 applications by Jews to leave the country. Jewish emigration has declined to ten percent of what it was two years ago.

Hillel co-ordinator Steve Singerman described the demonstrations as part of an effort to put increased pressure on the Canadian government to make human rights a basis for dealings with the Soviet Union. He said that recent dealings between Canada and the U.S.S.R. have had little or no emphasis

on the observance of human rights.

He said that the demonstrations will also serve to instill moral support in persecuted Soviet Jews and to "make the Soviets think twice each time before they violate the most basic human rights of Soviet Jews."

Singerman also noted that the Helsinki Accords stipulate that all Soviet citizens have the right to pursue their own cultural identity and practice their religion.

According to Singerman, Soviet Jews are not allowed to practice their religion or study their own culture. He said that the best indicator of that is the drastic decline in the number of synagogues in the Soviet Union, from 460 in 1956 to 46 today, even though there are still 2.15 million Jews in the Soviet Union.

Society bureaucrat gets boot

EDMONTON (CUP)

The financially-troubled University of Alberta Students' Union (SU) has fired a second general manager in less than a year.

The entire SU executive had threatened to resign if the student council did not ratify the firing of George Ivanisko, who was hired only four months previously. After a five-hour closed session, council agreed almost unanimously.

The last SU general manager was fired in March 1981, after the SU ran up a million-dollar

debt in less than three years. He is suing the SU for \$82,000, alleging wrongful dismissal.

The role of the general manager in overseeing the more than 35 departments in a \$5 million operation has always been controversial. SU executives have clashed repeatedly with general managers over lines of authority.

Ivanisko spoke for close to two hours at the council meeting, but was unavailable for comment about his dismissal. He recommended at the meeting that the general

manager be given "more opportunity to manage business areas on a day-to-day basis." This was a major point of conflict with the executive.

Phil Soper, SU president, was reluctant to talk about the reasons for firing Ivanisko. He did say there was some question of abuse of power.

Ivanisko was "extending beyond the reasonable bounds (of his position)," said Soper.

"He certainly wouldn't want the reference I would give him."

150 wave protest signs at Yankees

by Nancy D. Kingsbury

Over 150 people gathered in front of the American consulate last Thursday in a demonstration organized to deliver a petition to US officials calling for the immediate halt of any further support for the current El Salvadorian regime.

Organized by the Comité Amigos de El Salvador, marchers demanded an end to American financial and military aid to the repressive military junta and for the self-

determination of the Salvadorean people.

Demonstrators also called for the elimination of "indirect" US intervention in the entire Central America region.

The Comité stated that a "politically negotiated solution" is needed to bring peace to El Salvador. Such a solution, they believe, can only come through United Nations initiated action. The Comité is now calling for a UN resolution, although specifics were not stated.

Members of La Ligue des droits et des libertés (LDL) also attended the demonstration.

The LDL is currently organizing in an effort to prevent the deportation of El Salvadorian journalist Victor Manuel Regalado back to his country where he faces certain death.

Members of the Ligue collected over six pages of signatures in support of Regalado during the course of the demonstration.

Representatives of the Confederation des Syndicats Nationaux and the Federation du Travail Québecois were also on present to lend the hand of organized labour to the cause of Salvadorian liberation.

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Before enrolling in the course, all students were given guarantees for employment, but now 30 of the 37 enrolled students face uncertain job prospects after the one-year program.

The school was constructed last year at a cost of \$2 million, partly through the lobbying efforts of the machine industry.

Ontario education minister Bette Stephenson blames the

businesses for the job shortages. "They're just using excuses. If the economy goes on an upturn, we'll be hearing screams for workers again," said Stephenson.

"It's just a big con," said Brian McDonald, a student in the course. "I'd rather have taken a two-year college course than come here for six months and not get a job."

The industry blames the lack of jobs on the economy. Joe Longo, plant manager of K & K Precision Parts, said "I've hired people laid off elsewhere. The economy is up and down like a yo-yo."

Senate minutes fiddled

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A motion was finally passed, directing that "the responsibility of preparing minutes of Senate rests exclusively with the secretary of Senate. No other person shall make, or cause to be made, any alteration to the document as prepared by the secretary."

Schenstead was upset at the

meeting's outcome.

"We can make all the rules we want, but if they are not followed, they're useless," she said.

One disillusioned senator resigned because "the entire Senate is so wishy-washy. They make a lot of noise on the outside, but when the chips are down they back down."

FEMINISM IN JUDAISM

This discussion will focus on the woman's role in Judaism, and the myth of chauvinism in Judaism, past and present.

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Students' Union may get nuked if not incorporated

KELOWNA (CUP) — Okanagan College students may not have a students' union next year if a college board directive is not followed by students on four Okanagan campuses.

The board told the student union last month that the college would not collect student union fees from students

registering at Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm and Vernon campuses, unless they register as societies by September.

The four associations could not operate without the fees collected by the administration.

Union ombudsperson Doug Koch said, "they (the college board) are definitely not being

subtle. They're stomping around with big boots." The short deadline, he said, is a "threat to the small centres."

"Registration (as societies) is not a bad idea. That's what we want, but it's going to take a year minimum."

The board ordered administrative assistants to help

the unions in the process, but college principal Peter Williams said there will be "no attempt to interfere."

"We want the administration to work with the student associations to look into the desirability of registering as societies with constitutions."

Williams said there had been some uncertainties over the auditing procedures used by the student associations. Last semester the administration held up more than \$10,000 in student fees it had collected until mid-November. When the student union challenged the legality of the stall, the fees were released a day before the union's annual general meeting. The union said then that its books were in excellent shape.

Williams said the college would not be "unreasonable" if

the September deadline for registration is not met. "The college would not hold up the collection of fees," he said.

But the deadline aroused anger among student unions at a Canadian Federation of Students (Pacific) conference at Prince George in late January. Thirteen provincial college and university student associations voted to send letters of condemnation to the college board because of its interference in a local member's autonomy.

The McGill Students' Society is on paper an autonomous department of the University, and not a separate legal entity. McGill Society bureaucrats are formally employees of the University.

McGill University has resisted efforts to incorporate the Society in the mid and late 70's.

Anglos proud to be Canadians

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Maldoff was also asked about Ted Tilden's now infamous speech to the Chambre du Commerce criticizing the provincial government and his own reaction to it.

"Most of Tilden's speech was accurate and reflected the feelings of the majority of this community; unfortunately we must be careful because emotions are

running high," said Maldoff.

"We have legitimate complaints and arguments, but we must be careful in how we present them."

Members of the audience were also interested in the economy and job opportunities for anglophones in Quebec. Both federal and provincial politicians came under fire.

"We have no public represen-

tation from our own elected officials," he said.

John Kurta, a businessman who immigrated to Canada in the '50s, said "My name is not Gagnon or McDonald. There are more than 105 ethnic groups in Québec; let's see them all represented at the next meeting."

"When I look at my passport, I know I'm number one and I am proud to be a Canadian."

According to Montreal-Centre chairperson pro-tem Pam Dunn various meetings have been planned for the next few weeks. Several committees will be formed and will meet in the McGill Faculty Club this week and next.



*I have
a need.
Union*

Dal students are super-rich

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school longer. A question asking what barriers made students debate the value of going to university found that to 47 per cent of the respondents, costs were the biggest factor. The chances of finding a job after graduating

made 17.6 per cent hesitate, and 19 per cent reported there were no deterrents in their university plans.

The co-ordinators' report calls for closer attention to accessibility when tuition fees are set in the future.

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Nuclear Age in the Middle East A Political View

With: Prof. Zev Lev
- Founder & President, Jerusalem College of Technology
- Author of over 200 scientific articles
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Date: Today, March 1st
Place: Leacock Building, Room 219
Sponsored by: B'nai Akiva, A.Z.Y.F., Hillel/McGill Student Zionists



FRANCE - QUÉBEC EXCHANGE

Scholarships and research fellowships are offered to Québec graduate students who would be interested in attending a university in France next year.

Deadline for application: March 8
(in the fellowship office)

Information and applications:
Room 312, Dawson Hall

You are cordially invited to
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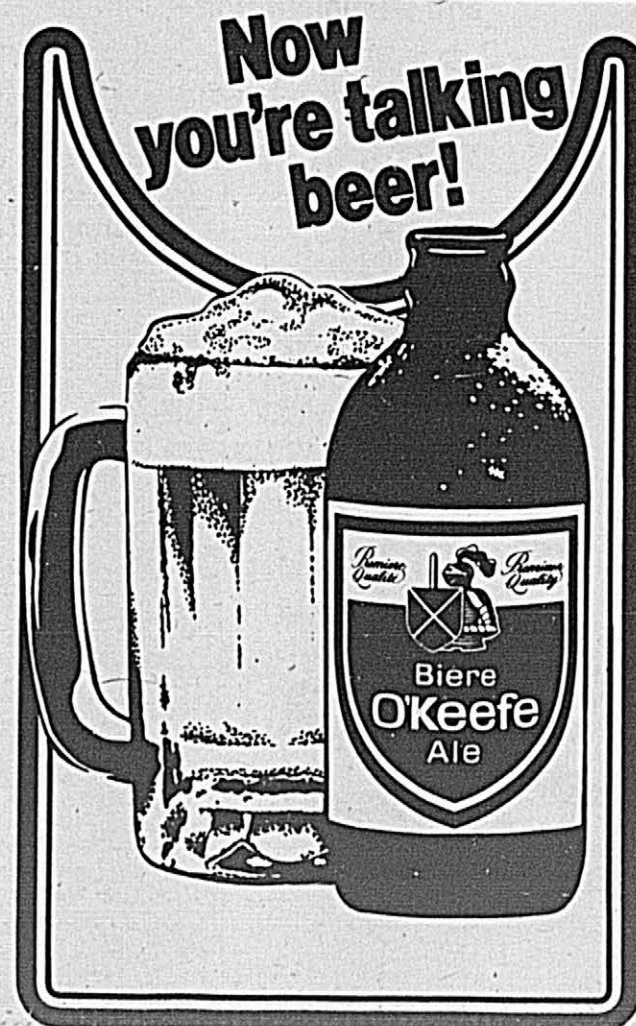
Students' Society Senate and Board of Governors

Wednesday, March 3, 1982,
12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.
Union Ballroom, Room 301

Candidates will debate amongst themselves
and entertain your questions.

**Bring your lunch
and make it a picnic!**

Paul Duff
Chief Returning Officer





FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL SYMPOSIUM "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" SYMPOSIUM FÉDÉRAL-PROVINCIAL "QUELLE DIRECTION PRENDREONS NOUS?"

wishes to thank:

- Bruce Williams** • who created an extensive publicity campaign with only a few days' notice including getting "Marketplace" to set up a sound stage for Monique Bégin at McGill.
- Martha Helghington** • who stepped in and fund-raised when finances were a problem, and played hostess when image was a problem.
- Gisèle Delente** • who expended a great deal of energy trying to get the Parti Québécois to commit themselves before their party had committed itself to them.
- Mary-Louise Prosen** • who took the initiative and became a driving force.
- Students' Society Staff** • for putting up with my demands and ramblings.
- Debating Union** • for giving me the benefit of the doubt when I was misinterpreted, despite the difficulties we have gone through.
- Chris Joy** • for his moral support.
- Women's Union** • for the idea of Doris Anderson and holding the event so successfully (and without any water).
- Program Board** • for standing behind me right from the start and taking the flak in stride.
- Graduates Society and administration** • for its support and ideas.

The people who attended and those who helped out, **The donors:** The McGill Associates, Air Canada, IMASCO, Alcan, Bell Canada, The Royal Bank, and SSHRC.

Many thanks for a successful week,
Bruce Hicks

McGILL
PROGRAM
BOARD



Daily Sports

McGill playoff band with 59-56

by Mel Timmy

The McGill Redmen, this past Friday night, at the Université du Québec a Trois Rivières, played perhaps their poorest game of the season, winning it, 59-56, ironically clinching a playoff spot. The game will be played next Friday night, in Lennoxville, against the Bishop's Gaitsers.

McGill's Marc Adilman opened up the half with just a minute gone by, to make it 2-21, but Trois Rivières took it away from them and was leading by one, 12-11, with 13:29 left to play in the half, when McGill stole back the lead, ...hey gimme that... to make it 13-12. It was tied four times after that at 19, 23, 27, and 29, but the Redmen escaped from the half up 5, 36-31. McGill's defence was stopping Trois Rivières' offence, while McGill's offence had no trouble scoring, thanks to Marc Adilman and Willie Hinz, who both took charge in the half, scoring ten points each. And to guard, Bernie Rosanelli, who, off the bench, gave the back court some offence they should, but haven't been providing of late.

Trois Rivières' pressure defence kept it close, forcing McGill into numerous turnovers. The problem was in McGill's transition game. Moving from defence to offence, McGill couldn't handle Trois Rivières' press, sometimes rushing it, and other times taking it to easy. Thus McGill's

turnovers were turned into points on layups, or on the foul line, because of desperation fouls.

The second half started for McGill, as if everyone was afraid to shoot the given eight footer. Time and time in the first three minutes McGill was given this shot and couldn't capitalize, either missing it or giving it up.



Anyway, McGill's starters in the second half, at the 11:53 mark, only up 40-39, gave way to the boys on the 'pine', who upped the lead to five, 46-41, with 6:52 remaining. At this point, the starters were subbed back in, who again made it close, allowing Trois Rivières to tie it at 51, with four minutes remaining.

These jokers gave way to a mix-

ture of pine riders and starters who this time, dropped the lead to Trois Rivières with 1:40 remaining at 56-55.

With :36 remaining, McGill's Kevin Soucie hit a 'hail Mary' shot, thank God, to put McGill back on top, for good, at 57-56. Trois Rivières had the ball with :27 remaining, but couldn't get a shot off. McGill won the game 59-56 and are now playoff bound.

McGill's record is presently 4 wins and 7 losses, and quite deceiving. You see, out of the seven losses, McGill was in all of them, at least, up until the last half minute of the game, but because of a combination of bad luck and inexperience, dropped them. So, maybe it's fitting for McGill to win one they should have lost, instead of losing one they should have won. Because as we all know, anything can happen in a sudden death playoff game. I guess you should take 'em any way you can get 'em.

McGill, against a much smaller team, had only 7 offensive rebounds in the game, just 2 in the second half. But they won.

McGill shot just 25/55 from the field in the game. But they won.

McGill had 24 turnovers in the game, twelve by the guards. But they won.

McGill in the second half, only scored 23 points. But they won.

Sure they won, but that's the last game they'll win like that.



Dailyphoto/T.M. Trapp

McGill's Claude Briere, about to be fouled by Trois Rivières Benoit Plante.



The Redmen Playoff Band.

GRAY ROCKS DRAW NIGHT REDMEN BASKETBALL



CONCORDIA STINGERS VS.

McGILL REDMEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 8 P.M.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE GYMNASIUM

- Attend this event and have a chance to win 1 of 3 sports weekends for two people at Gray Rocks Inn from May 29th to June 30th. Just fill out the entry form when you buy your ticket.
- The winners have to be present at the Redmen basketball game Tuesday, March 2, 1982 8 p.m. when McGill takes on Concordia at the Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium. The draw is scheduled for the start of half time of that game.
- These weekends are courtesy of Gray Rocks Inn St. Jovite - Mt. Tremblant, Quebec.
- Special half time show featuring the Redmen Football Team against the Redmen Hockey Team.



SEMAINE CULTURELLE POLONAISE

1er au 6 mars 1982

POLISH CULTURAL WEEK

March 1st - 6th 1982

Films - Expositions
Conferences
Information: 343-5847

Presented by McGill Polish Students' Association in co-operation with the University of Montreal.

Presbyterian-United Chaplaincy

Invites all students to our worshipping community every week at 7:30 p.m. at the United Theological College, 3521 University (Lower Lounge). For more information call Reverend Chris Ferguson at 392-5890 or 845-3398.

Savoy Society

Full chorus rehearsal at 7 p.m. in Union B01

Women's Union

Meeting for all those designing and staffing the pornography information tables, at 2:00 in Union rm 423. Absolutely crucial!

Arctic Pilot Project

Meeting Tuesday to protest arctic development. Information, letter writing, demonstration plans. Arts Faculty Lounge, 2:00 p.m.

Student Recital

Music for Clarinet & Piano: Ross Edwards, Clarinet; Robert Jones, pianist and composer, play Brahms, Poulenc, Weber, and Jones. 8:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall, 555 Sherbrooke St. W. McGill Polish Students' Association Presents an exposition at U of M at Pav.

Today

S.S. on 2nd floor i.e. posters, history presentation and folklore. Movies "Pasazerk" and "Varsovie" will be shown at U of M at 20:00 hrs and 18:00 hrs respectively. Admission fee.

Hillel

Nuclear Age in the Middle East - A Political View. Prof. Zev Lev, Founder & President Jerusalem College of Technology will speak at 5:00 in Leacock 219. Everyone is invited.

Tuesday Night Café

Make your reservations for McGill stu-

dent Julia Slavin's *Forever Enshrined in Our Hearts*, opening tomorrow night in Player's theatre (Union 3rd floor), 8 p.m. Runs until Saturday. Tickets \$2 students and senior citizens, \$3 general public. Call 392-4637.

Canadian Studies Seminar: Professor Peter Morris, Queen's University speaks on "Problematics of Canadian Film History", at 4:00 in Arts Council Roomm - 160. For info contact Dr. John Bradbury, Geography Dept. at 392-4718.

STUDENTS' SOCIETY APPLICATIONS

are hereby called for the following appointed positions:

(Deadline: 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11th, 1982)

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRPERSON

Blood Drive '82 will be held during five days in September or October 1982 in the Union Ballroom. The Chairperson must choose a committee to oversee publicity, entertainment, door prizes, clinic volunteers, etc. The Chairperson is responsible for organizing and supervising Blood Drive '82 in cooperation with the Canadian Red Cross. Applicants must be available to plan Blood Drive '82 during the summer.

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the Students' Society will organize and supervise Students' Society elections, by-elections and referenda during the 1982/83 school year. He or she will appoint a Deputy CRO through the normal application process as well as district returning officers (DROs) to supervise each poll. Like the DROs, the CRO will be paid basic minimum wage only on election days for campus-wide elections. (Only individual applications will be accepted.)

EL SALVADOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The External Affairs Committee on El Salvador was established by Students' Council to educate the student body about the situation in El Salvador and to recommend relevant policy to Council. The Chairperson, who is responsible to Council through the External VP, assumes a general coordinating role.

JUDICIAL BOARD FIVE (5) MEMBERS

The Judicial Board of the Students' Society acts as the final authority on the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws as well as acts of Students' Council and any group recognized by Council. These five positions are open to law students who, during the 1982/83 academic year, will be in third or fourth year or pursuing a graduate degree. (Application forms available in the SAO and LUS offices. Only individual applications will be accepted for each position.)

MCGILL TRIBUNE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Students' Society will publish its newsletter, known as the McGill Tribune, at least monthly during the 1982/83 academic year. The Tribune is a tabloid-sized newspaper with the purpose of informing the members of the Students' Society about campus issues, events and activities. The Editor-in-Chief shall be paid an honorarium of \$640 and is required to be in the Montreal area during the last two weeks of August to prepare for the first issue in September.

N.B. Applicants are strongly urged to also supply for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Student Handbook so that by the time the school year begins, they would have a thorough understanding of the goals and objectives of Students' Council and the Executive Committee as well as a good basic knowledge of the student clubs and societies at McGill.

OLD MCGILL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Old McGill is the hard-cover, 350-page yearbook covering the entire school year. It will include photographs of all McGill graduates of that year as well as other relevant material as the Editor sees fit. The Editor must be willing to attend a 3-day workshop in August. This position pays an honorarium of \$640.

OMBUDSMAN

This position, established by the Students' Society Constitution, serves as a means by which students can obtain help in cutting through McGill bureaucracy at all levels and to inform students of the proper channels to air grievances. This position pays an honorarium of \$480.

RESOURCE CENTRE COORDINATOR

Students' Council recently established a Resource Centre in the Union in order to make available to the student body the following documents: minutes and reports from Students' Council, Senate and the Board of Governors; items relating to external student affairs (provincial, national, international); newsletters, etc. from community groups; government papers on education; essays; lectures and exams. The Coordinator will develop the Centre, acquire documents, coordinate student volunteers and promote the Centre. A knowledge of the French language would be very helpful. This position will likely involve an honorarium.

NOTE:

All of the above positions are considered voluntary. In some cases, as noted above, small honoraria or part-time employment pay is involved. Except as noted above, joint applications will be accepted from not more than two (2) students for any one (1) position. All applications will be treated confidentially and will be reviewed by the Students' Society Nominating Committee. The best qualified candidates will likely be interviewed by the committee.

RAEU TWO (2) REPS

Under the general supervision of the Vice-President, External Affairs of the Students' Society, these McGill representatives help to ensure that the Regroupement des associations étudiantes universitaires du Québec (Federation of University Student Associations of Quebec) remains an effective voice of university students in Quebec, especially in its dealings with all levels of government and university administrations. Applicants should have a good working knowledge of the French language and be prepared to attend RAEU council meetings about every three weeks. (Note: RAEU meetings are held at the various Quebec university campuses.) (Only individual applications will be accepted for each position.)

PROGRAM BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Last year, the Students' Society and Student Services jointly agreed to centralize the major entertainment-oriented committees at McGill under one chairperson. This includes: Welcome Week, Activities Night, General Programs, the Speakers Program, Winter Carnival and the Red & White Revue. The Chairperson of this committee will have general responsibility for the planning and carrying out of all of the above-named activities. He or she will also be involved in the selection of students to fill the following additional positions on the Board: Vice-Chairperson (Finance), Producer (Red & White Revue), V-C (Publicity), V-C (Welcome Week), V-C (General Programs, V-C (Speakers) and V-C (Winter Carnival). Applications for these positions will be called for in the near future. (Only individual applications will be accepted.)

SECOND-HAND TEXTBOOK SALE COORDINATOR

The Students' Society will sponsor a second hand textbook sale in September. The Coordinator must organize all aspects of the sale which include publicity and finding student staff. (The Students' Society encourages applications from individuals representing particular campus groups which could group members as volunteers.) The Coordinator must be in the Montreal area for at least part of the summer to organize this event. Any proceeds realized by the sale will go to a charity agreed upon by the Coordinator and Students' Council.

SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The External Affairs Committee on South Africa was established by Students' Council to carry out two primary functions. These are: to educate the student body about the situation in South Africa and to urge the University to divest its funds from companies operating in South Africa and from banks extending loans to South African institutions. The Chairperson assumes a general coordinating role and ensures that the three sub-committees operate effectively.

STUDENT DIRECTORY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Students' Society will be publishing a student directory in the fall of 1982. The Editor will oversee all aspects of this publication including the organization of authorization release cards to be signed during the September registration period, establishing a budget and calling for printing quotes from various publishing companies. He or she will also decide on other relevant information to be included in the directory. The Editor must be in the Montreal area for at least part of the summer to make proper arrangements with the Registrar's office. This position involves an honorarium of \$150.

STUDENT HANDBOOK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Student Handbook will be given to every student at McGill during registration in September 1982. The book will include introductory material about McGill, Montreal, the Students' Society and other campus groups with particular attention paid to helping new students orient themselves to McGill and Montreal. The Editor must be in the Montreal area over the summer and receives an honorarium of \$1,000.

N.B. Applicants for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Tribune are strongly urged to also apply for this position so that by the time the school year begins, they would have a thorough understanding of the goals and objectives of Students' Council and the Executive Committee as well as a good basic knowledge of the students' clubs and societies at McGill.

"General Application" forms are available from the Students' Society General Office, Room 105 of the Student Union, 3480 McTavish Street, from Sadie's II in the McConnell Engineering Building or in Chancellor Day Hall from the SAO or LUS offices.

Completed applications must be submitted to Leslie Copeland, Operations Secretary, Students' Society General Office, NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH, 1982.

Keith Hennessy, Chairperson
Students' Society Nominating Committee



Letters

Yak is black

To the Daily:

As a concerned arts student, it troubles me to think that our representation in the Senate has been jeopardized. The position of the student representatives in the Senate is a serious obligation, and should be respected as such. The student senator elected to represent his or her faculty has made a commitment; this is to fulfill his or her responsibilities by acting in accordance with the interests and attitudes of the faculty that he/she is representing.

It therefore concerns me that such behavior as exhibited by the Arts rep, Mark Yakabuski, can only be said to be self-serving — and certainly not in the interests of the Arts students he is ostensibly representing. I am sure that most Arts students would not have contested the decision of the Grievance Committee (it is at least gratifying to know that the *Daily* was able to expose the situation by printing his voting record).

Mark Yakabuski does *not* represent me, and I am sure that most Arts students would agree.

Jennifer Jonas
U3 Arts, English
February 12, 1982

Gays: wait in line

To the Daily:

Your "Gay" issue (February 10th) brought to mind Durrell's evaluation of the protagonist of his "Alexandria Quartet." Justine, he observes, has a "mania for self-justification."

Whatever the existential and sociological ramifications of "being Gay" may be, the minutiae of an self-obsessed individual or group are little more than home-movies projected on a 70mm screen. In 1982, it's a truism that everyone on this desparate planet loves a good grouse: "Hey, look at me, I'm hating the mushroom treatment and it's the shits!" Or words to that effect. And there's a corollary; everyone, everywhere, has got some legitimate reason for doing so — for bitching, crabbing and feeling sorry for themselves in one public forum or another. But, as everyone inescapably knows, other people's problems are somehow infinitely more boring and a good deal less exigent than one's own.

In that Great Cosmic Bakery of the world's Innumerable Evils, the over-worked salesgirl can only say: "I'm sorry you having a tough time being gay, but would you please take a number and wait in line!"

S.E. Woolley
MA '79
February 12, 1982

Hey, me too!

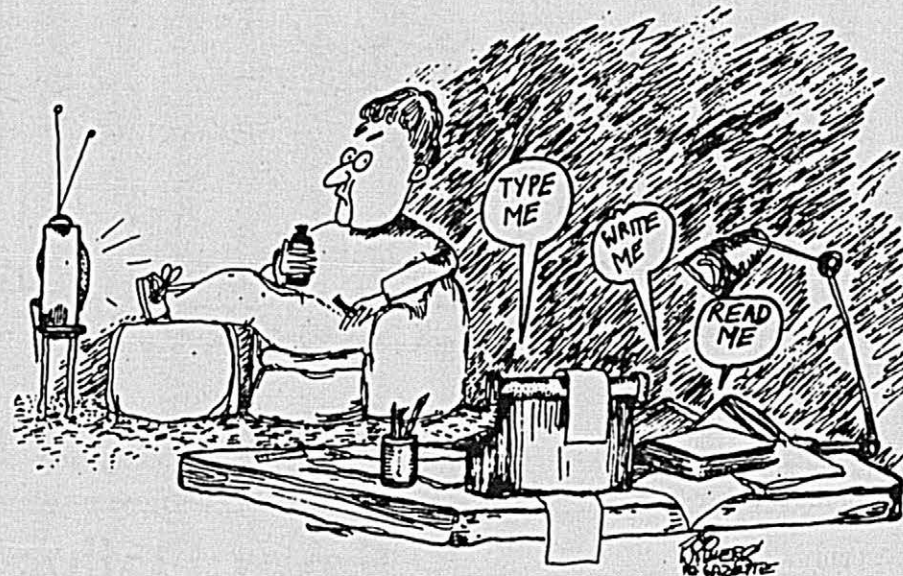
To the Daily:

I was quite dismayed to read the Program Board's thank-you list to those who contributed to the success of this year's Winter Carnival. While justly acknowledging the dedication of some volunteers, the Board omitted others, like myself, who worked *equally* hard and an equal amount of hours as some who got on the list. Giving formal credit where credit is due is only proper and, in fact, expected: however, among equals, singling out some while not mentioning others is rude and insulting to those

omitted and, at the very least, extremely careless.

After having worked on two Welcome Weeks, two Winter Carnivals and a Blood Drive, I personally am greatly disappointed with the Program Board's recent flagrant display of thoughtlessness. Wouldn't it have been a more rational — and fairer — policy to thank *all* volunteers or none at all, just the co-ordinators? Regardless, after having been humiliated with the deplorable treatment of volunteers during this year's welcome Week, and now being passed over for proper credit, I am greatly disillusioned with the Program Board's blatant disregard for basic etiquette.

Nancy J. Adilman
History U2
February 19, 1982



Better security

To the Daily:

As students living in the Molson Hall Residence we were appalled and insulted by the apathetic response of the University to the recent attack in our residence — our home.

Particularly disturbing was the reaction of A.J. Rostaing, Superintendent of Campus Services for Physical Plant, who was "not surprised that the attack occurred in the coed residences." If Physical Plant is aware of the problem, then why isn't something done about it? There is simply no excuse for this situation to continue.

As McGill residents (paying among the highest residence fees in Canada), we had been living under the assumption that basic security was a number one priority both financially and morally. It appears that this is not the case. The services provided are seriously inadequate.

We are merely requesting 24-hour surveillance of University residences. Contrary to remarks made by Flo Tracy, director of residences (*Daily*, February 17), we do not believe that this is economically unfeasible. Students could be employed to maintain this service. Surely it is one's basic right to be safe in one's own home?

How can the University administration justify its apathetic stand in this matter? Does blood have to be spilt before any action is taken?

Name withheld
by request
February 19, 1982

Cover us, cover us!

To the Daily:

While I understand that fair, objective, complete and wide coverage of campus events has always been a major tenet of your journalistic philosophy, I must commend you one your even fairer, more objective and broader coverage of this past week's symposium on Federal-Provincial Changes.

Frankly, I am disappointed with the lack of concern displayed by the *Daily* towards this event. Moreover, what little coverage was given to the conference for the most part consisted of sarcasm, belittling remarks and irrelevant comments by uninvolved persons.

The mandate of the *Daily* reads "to be an agent of social change." First, I question the viability of a newspaper which chooses to take on the goals of a lobbying

machine" is an inefficient, not to mention dangerous, way to strengthen the economy because 'defence' spending has no secondary industries to support it (e.g. MX missile repairman? Used neutron bomb salesman?). Secondly, I see no way that excessive military spending will slow inflation except that the gross overtaxation needed to support it will cause a drop in demand for other products thus slowing down, somewhat, price increases. The higher taxation, however, cancels this out resulting in no appreciable rise in buying power. Thirdly, when Bogart says "investment in the 'war machine'... deters aggression", he seems to forget that in the fifties and sixties, when defence expenditures were at the highest percentage of the total U.S. budget, the USSR was not deterred from aggression against Hungary, China, Czechoslovakia, and others. I suppose, however, that he considers only white, North American, English-speaking, heterosexual, white-collar men to be worth saving.

I would like to point out to Mr. Bogart, popinjay extraordinaire, that Berkley and, for that matter, Woodstock still exist and it is a sad, not to mention lethal, day for the world when peace, tolerance, compassion, and equality become passé. Should these ever come to be relics of a past era to those in control of the weapons of destruction and annihilation (some say they have) we have foolishly created in our ignorant zeal, the earth, as a unified, single lump of rock, shall cease to exist.

Christopher Green
Human Race U22
February 22, 1982

Womens' rights in constitution

To the Daily:

Your account of Doris Anderson's lecture ("Politicians forgot rights for women", *Daily*, Feb. 22) is seriously misleading, because it gives the mistaken impression that the entrenchment of equality between the sexes was not included in the final constitutional accord. The article refers to the "notwithstanding" or "opting-out" clause which applied to sexual equality in the original constitutional agreement announced November 5, and would have allowed individual provinces to pass discriminatory legislation so long as they reviewed it every five years. But you failed to mention the most important fact: after much public protest, lobbying by women's groups and further negotiations between the first ministers, the federal government and nine provinces finally agreed — as announced by Jean Chrétien on November 23 — to include sexual equality, without the opting-out clause, in the new constitution.

Doris Anderson did express dismay at the fact that such enormous effort was required to bring about the entrenchment of such a fundamental right. She said as well that the constitution cannot change things overnight and that it will take far more than that to bring about real equality for women. But she made it perfectly clear that the new constitution will indeed guarantee equal rights for women and men.

Margaret Fulford
Feb. 22, 1982

Martha Heighington
B.Comm., U2
Conference Co-organizer
February 19, 1982

More on Liberals

To the Daily:

I must congratulate you on your publication of what must be regarded as the silliest letter of the year: that of S. Bogart (Poli Sci U3) on February 22. Mr. Bogart's tragi-comical effort is, without doubt, the most ridiculous critique of liberalism I have ever laid eyes upon.

While I grant him that the typical "LCCS" (liberal Canadian college student) does not score big points for originality, his conservative counterpart (Mr. Bogart included) does score big on 'neanderthalism'! Mr. Bogart's grasp of economics and world diplomacy seem to find their main sources in the quotations of giants of human compassion like Alexander Haig, J. Edgar Hoover and Josef Stalin.

For what I hope will, but know won't be, the last time, investment in the "War

Founded in 1911

The McGill Daily

"With regard to the matter which is now under discussion, we feel that in consideration of all the factors involved, at this point in time anything we have said, are currently saying or may say in the future was, is and will be inoperative, pending further developments."

McGill administrator
March 1, 1982

No comment

10 a.m. *Daily* reporter phones a Vice Principal's office.
"Good morning," begins the reporter, "Is the Vice Principal in?"

"I'm sorry," responds the receptionist, "but the Vice Principal won't be in until after lunch. Could I take a message?"

"Yes, I'm from the *Daily* and I would appreciate it if the Vice Principal could call me when he gets in."

Silence on the receptionist's end of the phone.

"Hmmm...you're from the *Daily*?...could I ask what you're calling about?" queries the receptionist.

Reporter states purpose of call.

"Well," says receptionist, "I don't think the Vice Principal is involved in that, but I'll give him your message although he may not be in for the rest of the day."

Reporter gets off phone, sighs deeply and contemplates the conversation.

Before the receptionist knew the reporter was a student journalist looking for information, the Vice Principal was going to be in after lunch, but in the course of the call, the receptionist received a telepathic message that he may be out for the whole day.

Reporter sighs again and re-evaluates possibility of completing this story for tomorrow's paper. Decides that the dean of the department may be able to answer questions.

11 a.m. *Daily* reporter phones dean's office.

Reporter is put on hold for ten minutes. After reporter identifies herself as a *Daily* writer, she is again put on hold.

Receptionist soon informs reporter that the dean is in a meeting and has a luncheon engagement. The earliest that the dean can get back to the reporter will be 3 p.m.

Reporter hangs up phone and sighs heavily. (Reporters working on stories involving McGill administration do a lot of sighing.)

11:30 a.m. Reporter examines diminishing list of sources. The chairperson of the Senate subcommittee involved in the story may have the needed information. The conversation with the chairperson proceeds:

Could you please comment on the recent developments in this case? Uhhh...I'm not really the right person to ask because the committee has not given me a full report. Can you tell me what plans of action the committee has? I don't wish to comment on that right now. Could you give me names of people on the committee to contact? That's unnecessary because they cannot add anything to the information I've given you.

Noon. Reporter heads to library because even the flies in administration offices cannot be reached for at least another hour.

1:00 p.m. Reporter begins a second round of telephone calls to people who have not returned messages. Still no luck. Hmmm...reporter thinks to herself...I'm glad I'm not in the administration, I certainly would hate three-hour meetings and two-hour lunch dates.

3:00 p.m. The Vice Principal is not in his office and the dean is still stewing over coffee somewhere.

Spending five hours and getting nowhere with administration officials is a familiar scenario to *Daily* writers. As familiar and frustrating as it may be for reporters, the lack of accessibility to information from the administration bodes ill for all McGill students.

Administrators refuse comment on an interestingly select group of topics, including the status of professors in tenure cases, the rejection of sabbatical leave applications, administration pressure on professors based on political beliefs and the annual salaries of McGill big-wigs. In the last five issues of the *Daily*, six officials have refused comment on, or not been available for comment on, pertinent issues. Administration excuses for not granting interviews and answering questions have gotten so numerous that they are no longer credible.

Officials have become especially close-mouthed within the last two weeks. After three leaks of classified administration information to the *Daily*, it was rumoured that Principal Johnston held a meeting with officials to tighten the administration's hold on certain knowledge.

Anything the administration makes a concerted effort to keep within its ranks is something students should know.

If the administration arbitrarily fires professors or dismisses them because of cutbacks, students have no input into an important aspect of their education. If the administration will not release salary figures, students do not know how the university's budget is being spent.

These are things that students should have a right to know.

Moir Ambrose



"That's very close, Scott."

From Dailys of Yore

"*Dailys of Yore*" is a column wherein, from time to time, we reprint interesting articles from our 71-year old archives.

by Earle Taylor,
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Closure of Radio McGill

At this point I can honestly say I have no regrets about closing Radio McGill. The only point to which I will concede is that it wasn't very nice to surprise everyone with the motion.

There have been two attempts by past Students' Councils to try and control the situation at Radio McGill.

The first was an attempt to close it. The motion was defeated by only one vote! Why? It's quite simple! Radio McGill staff heard of the intended motion and lobbied with every possible sympathetic student councillor for his support. So said Councillor Bennett Little, who was on Council at that time.

Why did he support them then? Why did he vote against them this time? I suggest that he realized how meaningless the annual promises to "clean it up" have become.

What I do find really hard to understand is the *Daily's* support of Radio McGill as it has

existed. The last thing it could possibly be considered is "progressive". What a lovely word that is! Unfortunately, it is quickly becoming quite meaningless.

I'm sure many of you still doubt whether closing Radio McGill was the correct thing to do. In that case I suggest you take a five minute detour on your way to the cafeteria at noon today.

Radio McGill can be found in the north-west corner of the basement level of the Union Building. As you enter the hallways outside the Radio McGill studios you will notice the artistically destroyed notice board. The talented artist used fire as his principal tool. How original!

One will also marvel at the exquisitely painted doorways. Take a moment to feel them. The texture is divine!

Lastly, run your feet along the new bumpy surface tiling. These were taken from the equipment room to replace the tiles blackened while the artist was working on the notice board.

Ah yes, the signs of a well run radio station.

Sometimes I even ask myself...What is wrong with Radio McGill??

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Feature

Not just another death in South Africa

Albert Nerenberg

Somewhere, in the country of South Africa in a room in a government building, a man's life was lost.

According to the South African security police, on February 4th 1982 the lifeless body of Dr. Neil Aggett was found hanging by the neck from a rope attached to the ceiling of his cell in a government prison. No other information concerning the man's death was made available.

"Suicide", was the verdict announced by the police when the incident was announced the following day.

was one of reform. It was faced with both increasing international pressure opposing the government's apartheid system and mounting threats of internal rebellion.

The labour need

The booming South African economy could not cope simultaneously with an uncomfortably high unemployment rate and a serious shortage of skilled labour. The lack of skilled labour was seen as the major barrier to economic expansion.

In the entire country, there were less than 50 blacks who were skilled artisans

trying to bring about better living conditions for the general black populace.

What the government seems to fear is that trade union power is being turned into a weapon of black political action.

Its reaction, mainly clandestine, began with the imposition of severe restraints which suggest a program of severe retaliation.

In a series of dawn raids last year at least 306 union leaders were rounded up and detained by security police. A man named Dr. Neil Aggett was one of the people detained. He was never released.

Colleagues of the Doctor actively protested that he was too stable to have committed suicide. They are certain he was killed or subjected to conditions that brought about his death.

Attempt to bury the case

The government has launched an inquest which is expected to be just a formality, recording nothing more than the clinical cause of death. The Aggett case will probably stop at that, as did the cases of forty three other people known to have died in the hands of security police over the last nineteen years.

Neil Aggett was neither the first nor the last union leader to die behind bars. The list of jailed trade union leaders is a lengthy one.

According to the 1981 report of Amnesty International, Joseph Mavi, President of the Black Municipal Workers Union was jailed in July 1980 during a strike of the Union's ten thousand black employees.

Bonisle Norushe, an official of the African Food and Canning Workers Union was arrested in June 1980 and detained incommunicado until February when he was required to testify as a state witness in a political trial.

The trade union movement's links to the black struggle became apparent when Aggett died. For the first time at the funeral of a white man the flag of the African National Congress was unfurled. The congress is dedicated to the overthrow of South African white minority rule. Both the Congress and its members are banned in South Africa.

That this is a premonition of a move towards a Black-White common front against the régime is doubtful given the present atmosphere in South Africa. However, this outright Black defiance of the government in response to Aggett's death may be a sign of other things to come.

Aggett and Biko died in the same place

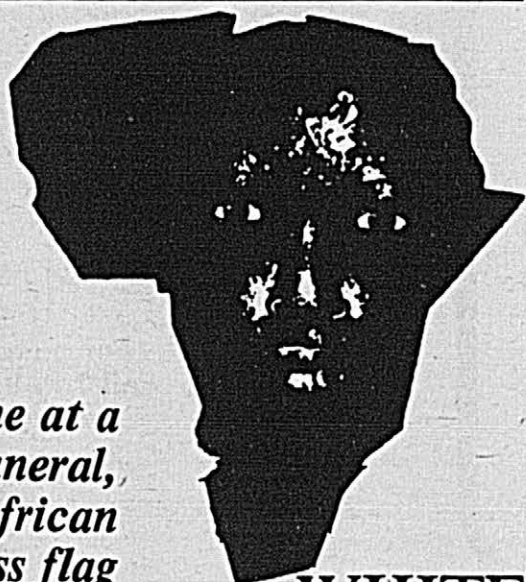
What happened to Aggett is reminiscent of the fate of Steven Biko, underground leader of the Black Consciousness Movement who posthumously became a rallying point for many black movements throughout Africa and a world famous symbol as a victim of the murderous régime.

In 1977, the security police announced that Steven Biko was dead, a victim of his own hunger strike. International human rights groups protested and several governments brought political pressure to bear on South Africa. Later investigations revealed that Biko had most probably died of severe head injuries coupled with negligence on the part of prison doctors.

According to the South African attorney-general who investigated the case, he could identify no breach of the law on the part of Biko's police interrogators.

While cases such as Biko's suggest a

'For the first time at a white man's funeral, the banned African National Congress flag was unfurled.'



WHITE LIES

Suicide or Murder?

The South African security police have been accused several times by both South Africans and international human rights groups of murdering prisoners, since the country first began its system of detention and interrogation without charge nineteen years ago.

Aggett, a white, had given up his practice as a doctor to become Transvaal secretary for the Canning Workers Union.

His death and the events surrounding it raise questions as to the nature of the government's current political reforms and its stand on Black trade unions. The government's methods of dealing with opposition have come under particularly intense scrutiny.

The death of white political activists in South Africa's prisons is not unheard of, nor is it the type of happening that would cause an uproar, but reaction to Aggett's death was both unprecedented and unexpectedly threatening towards the government and its security police, supposedly simply hosts to a man's suicide.

Death demonstration

In February, on the day of Aggett's funeral, 70,000 Black labourers in all the major cities of South Africa stopped work for thirty minutes in protest.

Two days later, 2000 defiant blacks marched through the streets of a wealthy Johannesburg suburb chanting "Aggett is a hero". The mob went on to trample well-kept lawns and tear down president Botha's re-election posters while armed security personnel looked on.

When the administration of Pieter Botha replaced its corruption-tainted rival, Jon Vorster, in 1978, its rhetoric

and a negligible number of blacks with higher technical training.

The government responded by legislating new labour proposals in 1979. They were adopted on the basis of the widely publicized proposals of the régime's *Wiehan* commission.

As recommended, the new legislation allowed blacks to set up legal trade unions for the first time. However, also according to the new legislation, it was specifically forbidden for black trade unions to engage in political activities or to co-operate with political parties.

Essentially, it seems that the *Wiehan* commission's recommendations were that some of the racist barriers be removed as political reform, and more probably as an open door to increased productivity.

The trained and cheap Black labour force increased significantly afterwards.

Despite the acceptance of the *Wiehan* proposals for official recognition of Black unions, Pretoria remains hostile to the black trade union movement. In fact with the increased proliferation of both illegal and legal Black unions on the South African labour market, the government is showing marked signs of nervousness.

The British magazine "The Economist" recently characterized the régime's situation as having "let a genie out of bottle".

Many of the unions are operating in direct breach of government regulations. Some major companies have even recognized unions that refuse to register with the government.

Seemingly of more concern to the government is the fact that many of the activist unions, (Black and White) are

Government's "Catch 22": 'However also according to the new legislation, it was specifically forebidden for Black trade unions to engage in political activities.'



During the many political trials in South Africa last year (many of union leaders), a number of defendants and witnesses made allegations of having been tortured in prison.

Most of those detained had been held under the infamous *Terrorism act*, which stipulates that detainees can be held incommunicado and permits security police to withhold all information about those detained.

Aggett was also held under the *Terrorism act*.

new government policy of violent reprisal towards labour activists in South Africa, the trade union movement continues to move closer toward an alliance with the struggle for Black liberation. An increasingly nervous government, in the meantime, is moving to strangle signs of a growing militancy.

The response from Black South Africans to the deaths of both Biko and Aggett, suggests that of people whose leaders are being murdered.

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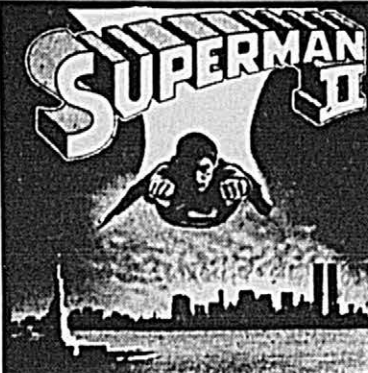
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